IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Gertrud HÖTTEN et al

Application No.: 09\684,383

Filed: October 10, 2000

ATTN: Refund Section Accounting Division Office of Finance

Group Art Unit: 1646 (parent)

Examiner: P. Mertz (parent)

Attorney Dkt. No.: P100564-00030

For: A METHOD OF TREATMENT WITH GROWTH/DIFFERENTIATION FACTORS OF

THE TGF-B FAMILY

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Honorable Commissioner Washington, D.C. 20006

December 5, 2000

Sir:

The undersigned respectfully request a refund of 50% of the fee paid in the subject application on October 10, 2000.

The fee of Seven Hundred Ten Dollars (\$710) paid on October 10, 2000, is that for a large entity. The application, however, is entitled to the reduced fees provided for small entities under 37 CFR 1.16. The verified statement establishing status as a small entity for the purpose of payment of reduced fees in the subject application was filed in the grandparent application and a copy of that small entity declaration is attached

It is respectfully requested that the 50% excess of the fee paid on October 10, 2000, in the amount of Three Hundred Fifty Five Dollars (\$355), be credited to Deposit Account

Respectfully submitted,

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